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DIARY NOTES

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1. Just prior to the Deputies' Meeting this morning Lyman Kirkpatrick and Bob Amory were griping about the new regulations on outside speaking engagements which require that they prepare their speeches in full text and that they not submit to questions after the speech, etc. Bob and Kirk both said that they intended to accept no more speaking engagements on these grounds. I advised them that this decision had been made by the Director on Colonel Grogan's recommendation as I understood it, and if they had any complaints, they should take them up with the Director. General also chimed in and the three of them had great fun sarcastically criticizing Stan Grogan for a few minutes.

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2. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

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- a. I assured the Director that our contingency reserve would be in the FY-1962 budget, and reminded him that this would be the maximum inasmuch as according to the Appropriations Committee ruling of last year we will not in the future be able to carry forward unobligated balances. The Director expressed great surprise at this, as well as dissatisfaction. He said he wanted to get this changed and that he did not recall that this had ever been explained to him. I reminded him that it was not only explained to him but that we had a letter from the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee to this effect. He said he wanted to see the letter, which I dug out later in the day. My notes indicate that this was discussed at a Deputies' Meeting and the Director and General Cabell were both furnished copies of the letter which actually was to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget on or about 15 April 1960.
- b. There was a brief discussion of the desirability or last thereof of transferring the Biographic Register and the NIS program from the Department of State to CIA. After a rather full discussion General Cabell finally pointedly said to the Director that we needed to know whether he was in favor of this or not in favor of it. The Director finally said that he thought to get all of these things together would be a good thing, but that he had made no decision to this effect and would not until all of the factors had been considered and he had touched base with the Bureau of the Budget and the appropriate Congressional committees. I told all concerned that whether these activities were transferred or not I did not contemplate putting them in the new building until everyone else had moved, which would almost be a year from now because we need the space into which furniture, people, and supplies can be processed during the move. Bob Amory protested this rather violently, but I stood my ground and no decision to the contrary was made.

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12. Shef Edwards called to say that he wanted to keep running after we move into the new building for a change purpose. I told him I would be very glad to listen to his request but that it would depend on what he expected to get out of them and how much it was going to cost. I agreed to set up a time next week to talk to him about this before any papers are prepared.

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